

# South Dakota

## HOGS AND PIGS

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### ***HOG NUMBERS DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR***

**SIoux FALLS, September 26, 2003**—The state's September 1 inventory of **all hogs and pigs** was 1.26 million head, down 5 percent from 2002 and down 5 percent from last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Breeding stock** totaled 135,000 head, down 5,000 head from September 2002, and down 10,000 head from June 2003. **Market hogs** totaled 1,125,000 head, down 5 percent from September 2002 and down 4 percent from last quarter.

The June through August **pig crop** was 592,000 head, 5 percent (32,000 head) below last year. During the quarter 64,000 sows farrowed, down 5,000 head from 2002. Pigs per litter averaged 9.25, up from 9.05 a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 68,000 sows during September through November 2003, 7,000 sows above the actual farrowings one year ago. Intentions for December 2003 through February 2004 are for 64,000 farrowings, identical to farrowings a year earlier.

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